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December 29, 1989

Ms. Kelly McCarthy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: Saad Site, Nashville Tennessee

Dear Ms. McCarthy:

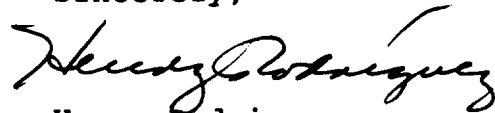
Regarding your letter dated December 18, 1989 and received on December 20, 1989 in reference to the above-cited case, please be informed that we have attended the PRP Steering Committee Meeting held December 21, 1989 in Nashville as announced in your letter.

At this time we have elected to formulate our responses to your request through the Steering Committee. The committee is at the present preparing a written response outlining a basic agreement which will then be mailed to us for our consideration. We believe that the committee intends to meet with you by January 5, 1990.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to request that you provide to us whatever documentation you have on this case to enable us to better formulate our corporation's position on this case.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (708) 941-6635.

Sincerely,



Henry Rodriguez
Corporate Manager
Regulatory Affairs

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